

WEATHER FORECAST.
Rain to-day and probably to-morrow; variable winds.

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FIX THE BLAME, THE CRY FROM STRICKEN TOWN

Austin, Swept Away by Breaking of Dam, Scene of Desolation—Authorities Urged to Investigate Disaster that Snuffed Out Several Hundred Lives. Search for Bodies Now Going Forward.

Heavy Rains Put Out Fires Among Debris and Permit Rescue Parties to Work—No Attempt Yet Made to Give Out an Accurate Number of Those Who Perished in the Rush of Waters Saturday.

Austin, Pa., Oct. 1.—With the search for bodies going on and with a hundred homes made desolate by death, the demand is being echoed that the responsibility for the tragedy that swept this town away be fixed promptly. The survivors are insistent that the authorities take action.

NUMBER OF DEAD UNKNOWN.
The number of dead is not known, but is now estimated from 200 to 400. Many missing persons are probably charred corpses under the burned debris lodged alongside the valley.

Burgess Michael Murrins to-night, in a conservative estimate of the financial loss in the disaster at Austin, places the property loss at \$400,000. The town itself suffered a loss of \$1,500,000. The B. & O. Pulp and Paper Company's loss will be \$1,500,000, the Emporium Lumber Company's \$1,000,000, and the Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad \$500,000.

Twenty-eight hours elapsed after the huge reservoir poured its waters through the broken dam before the reign of chaos gave way to order, discipline, and definite purpose.

A few volunteers had dragged from the ruins the bodies that lay partly exposed after the death stream had passed by. But not until the State militia, the State constabulary, the department of health of Pennsylvania, and a corps of drilled soldiers and nurses arrived late today was any plan acted upon for the recovery of the dead. It was discovered that the public schoolhouse, on the hillside overlooking the spot of greatest disaster, was entirely inadequate for the purposes of a morgue. Here a few of the first bodies had been taken. Others had been removed to the homes of relatives, while others were found in the undertaking rooms.

CITY TO BE POLICED.
Until 11 o'clock Sunday afternoon no steps had been taken to make an identification of the dead or to take a census of the living, so the number of missing could be ascertained. At that time the State authorities summoned Burgess Mitchell. He told them the town authorities were helpless, and gladly accepted their offer to take the responsibility of policing the city.

"We have absolutely nothing but the clothes upon our backs," said the burgess. "If the people of the country are to give us real assistance, please ask them to rush supplies of food, clothing for women and children, and, above all, sheets and blankets. That is all I can say personally. I will choose to go to the side of the State constabulary to prevent pillaging of the ruins."

Within a few minutes twenty nurses employed by the Pennsylvania State board of health were marched to Odd Fellows Hall. Five doctors were sent to aid them. Then supplies of food that had been received from the Olean Chamber of Commerce, from Fort Allegheny, and other near-by towns, were requisitioned and brought from the first train that had been able to cross the repaired spur of railroad that turns from Keating Summit to Austin.

Supplies Rushed There.
The supplies were rushed to the new commissary in the Odd Fellows Hall by Company G, Eighth Pennsylvania N. G., which had just arrived. Maj. Finney in command, ordered his quartermaster, Capt. Schell, to aid the State health authorities. Dr. F. B. Boyer, of Harrisburg, chief medical inspector for the State department of health, gave his personal supervision to the work.

A regular system for the distribution of food was devised. The survivors of the flood had thrown their homes and their tables open to those who lost their worldly goods. Every store in town except the post-office had been swept away.

Baskets filled with chicken, ham, roast beef, and clipped beef sandwiches, fresh milk, eggs, and bread and butter were sent to all the surviving women and girls.

The men and boys were ordered to report to the Odd Fellows Hall. When they arrived each was served with sandwiches, cleaning hot coffee, and other sustaining food.

Men and Boys Exhausted.
Out of doors rain poured in the torrential manner of the tropics. It was arranged that the shivering men and boys who tramped to the hall should not be sent out again. When they had been

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RELATIVE STRENGTH OF THE TWO NATIONS NOW AT WAR.



The strength of the opposing forces of Turkey and Italy are here shown—the standing armies of Italy and Turkey and the active list of the war vessels available for war duty. The standing army of Italy consists of 225,000 men, with a reserve force of 300,000 men, which gives it a total war strength of 525,000 soldiers. The navy consists of 175 fighting vessels. The standing army of Turkey numbers 375,000, with a reserve of 350,000 soldiers, giving the Turkish government a combined fighting army of 725,000 men. Her navy consists of twenty-six war ships.

The war ships are the Medallid, of Turkey, and (above) the Regina Margherita, of Italy.

BLUECOAT RISKS LIFE TO RESCUE DEMENTED MAN

Struggle on Rooftop with Death Menacing.

ONLOOKERS ARE AGHAST

Expect to See Both Men Hurlled Thirty Feet to Street.

Policeman Hayes, Just Recovering from Rheumatism, Saves George H. Cobb from Threatened Jump. Has to Fight to Save Opponent and Himself—Cobb Was Suffering from Alcoholic Dementia.

After a desperate struggle with a temporarily deranged man on the roof of a three-story building early yesterday morning, Policeman B. O. Hayes narrowly averted a double tragedy. He overpowered the man, George H. Cobb, a jeweler, of 706 E. street northwest, and with the aid of several civilians brought him safely to the sidewalk, more than thirty feet below.

While passing Seventh and E streets Northwest shortly after 2 o'clock Hayes heard yells coming from the rooftops somewhere in the block on the south side of E street. Investigation disclosed the form of a man half clad rushing along the housetops. The man was gesticulating wildly, and walked perilously near the edge of the roof. His cries attracted pedestrians and numerous residents of the neighborhood.

THREATENS DEATH JUMP.
"Give me a gun; watch me jump; you'll never see me alive again," Cobb shouted at the top of his voice.

"Wait a minute and I'll get you a gun," Hayes replied.

Cobb staggered to the brink of the roof and stood tottering so that persons in the crowd below expected to see him pitch downward to his death.

Then the policeman, who has been troubled for months because of rheumatism, and who only resumed duty a few days ago, entered the house on the roof of which the crazed man stood, and made his way upstairs and through the scuttles.

"Don't come near me or I'll throw you off," yelled Cobb to the policeman, as he verged even closer to the edge of the roof.

Battle for Lives.
"I want to be your friend," entreated Hayes, in an effort to coax Cobb from his perilous position. Then realizing that attempts at friendliness were futile, the policeman changed his tactics and dared Cobb to fight in the middle of the roof.

Thereupon Cobb rushed at him. For a time it seemed as if Cobb would hurl both Hayes and himself to the street below. Repeatedly during the short time the two men clinched, the policeman was dragged by the superhuman strength of his opponent to within a foot of the roof's edge.

Hayes finally obtained a hold on Cobb's arm, twisting it behind his back, threw him and held him. In the meantime help arrived, and with the aid of several citizens Cobb was taken to the

street and placed in a patrol wagon. Later he was sent to the Washington Asylum Hospital, where he was pronounced as suffering from alcoholism.

MADERO ELECTED MEXICAN PRESIDENT

Leader of Revolution Gets a Big Majority of Votes.

Mexico City, Oct. 1.—Francisco I. Madero was today elected President of Mexico by 95 per cent of all the votes cast, making the election practically unanimous. Madero claims that Pino Suarez has been elected vice president over de la Barra, by 20 per cent. De la Barra carried this city by 15 per cent majority, but the absence of the Hiestras from the polls defeated de la Barra in the country. There were scattered demonstrations in the lower portions of the city, which resulted in the injury of three persons when the riotous attempted to disperse a gang near the polls.

The balloting ended at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The vote cast was small. Of the million inhabitants in the federal district, only 45,000 voted. The Catholics used every influence to elect Madero president and de la Barra vice president. At the polls the names of the persons voting and the candidate voted for were read aloud. Madero voted for himself and Pino Suarez at 9 o'clock this morning.

About 1,000 Indians gathered at the shrine of Guadalupe Hidalgo and spent the forenoon in prayer and the afternoon in drinking. The Indians voted for the ticket headed by Madero and Suarez.

In many sections of the city it was found impossible to open the voting booths because the citizens refused to serve on the election boards.

WOMEN STEAL AUTO.

Take Car from Station and Desert It at Willard.

For the first time in its history, the Washington police force is trying to catch two women, who deserted an automobile in front of the New Willard Hotel shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. The machine was stolen about midnight in front of the Union Station.

The automobile, which is the property of James Nolan, president of the Puget Automobile Company, was left standing in front of Union Station by Mr. Nolan while he saw some friends off on a train. He returned in about ten minutes and his automobile was gone.

He asked the policeman on duty at Union Station if he had seen any one leave in an electric automobile. The policeman said he hadn't. A description of the automobile and the number was given the police by Mr. Nolan and he went to his home.

About 2:15 o'clock this morning two stylishly dressed women drove up to the New Willard Hotel in an electric automobile and hurried into the hotel.

The policeman on the "beat" saw them and walked over to see the number of the machine. Then he hurried into the hotel after the two women. He saw them disappear through "Peacock Alley" and called to them to stop. But they kept on. The policeman gave chase, but lost them in the dimly lighted hallway.

The night clerk at the hotel said he saw the two women come into the hotel, but did not pay much attention to them as they seemed to know where they were going. He assisted the policeman in the hunt, but after half an hour's search they gave up.

LINER IS ASHORE.

Koenig Friedrich Augusta Fast on French Coast.

Dover, Oct. 1.—A large steamer reported to be the Koenig Friedrich Augusta is ashore off the coast of France, near Boulogne. Her 600 passengers and crew are still aboard.

Four powerful Dover-Calais tugs failed to get the liner off the sand bar this afternoon, and owing to receding tides it is feared the vessel will not be floated for several days.

The vessel belongs to the North German Lloyd line and left Boulogne yesterday for South American ports.

SURGEON ADMITS HE KILLED HIS BIGAMOUS WIFE

Dr. Henry E. Webster Creates Sensation at Chicago.

TWICE WED IN A WEEK

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—After five hours of a grilling cross-examination, during which he had stoutly maintained his innocence, Dr. Henry Elgin Webster, house surgeon at the Chicago Polyclinic Hospital, broke down this afternoon and confessed to the murder of Beanie Kent Webster, his second and bigamous wife, whose body, stripped of clothing and with her throat cut, was found in the woods near Dixon, Ill., last Friday.

The confession of Webster came as a complete surprise. The prisoner, who had maintained a calm and confident demeanor since his arrest, suddenly dropped his head and declared: "I did it. I can't stand this any longer. I never have been a good liar, and I can't keep it up."

Webster related the story of his entanglement with the Kent woman that finally drove him to madness and resulted in her murder in the Dixon woods. On January 4, 1911, the young physician was married to Zeo Varney, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, formerly a nurse at the Polyclinic Hospital.

A week later, under pressure, Webster was forced to go through the marriage ceremony with Beanie Kent. It was Webster's struggle to keep the knowledge of his second marriage from Zeo Varney and his parents, who are honest, hard-working people of Dixon, that culminated in the tragedy.

Friday, September 15, Webster said he went to Dixon and that Beanie Kent Webster followed him there, staying that night at a hotel while he stayed at the Webster home. Saturday morning he called for the woman at the hotel, and after both had drunk considerable whiskey, they hired a carriage and drove into the country.

During the ride they quarreled, and finally after Beanie Kent had threatened to expose him, he drew his penknife and declared he would kill her. Webster said that she screamed and jumped from the carriage. He followed her and after catching her in the underbrush, stabbed her to death. He then removed her clothing to prevent identification. The murder then returned to his post at the Polyclinic Hospital, where he remained until arrested.

VICTIM OF GLANDERS.

Former National League Umpire Passes Away.

New Haven, Oct. 1.—Medical students are puzzled at the death by glanders of Dr. James H. Kelly, former National League umpire. Dr. Kelly, who was a leading veterinarian, was taken ill two weeks ago. It was discovered to be glanders only two days ago. The medical fraternity was helpless in fighting it as no serum has been found with which to effect a cure. Dr. Kelly undoubtedly became infected through attending a horse afflicted with the disease.

Special Train to the Races at Laurel.
Md., Oct. 2 to 25, via Baltimore and Ohio, the Howard Train.

In addition to excellent regular train service to Laurel Fair and Races, Special Train will leave Union Station week days at 2:30 p. m. Returning leave Race Track siding (Laurel) at 5:30 p. m.

There Was a Great Demand

Yesterday for the Sunday edition of The Washington Herald, with its complete and graphic account of the great disaster in Pennsylvania, and its many interesting features.

PARDONED SLAYER NABBED ON CHARGE OF HORSE STEALING

Joseph K. Keener, Aged 65, Caught in Deal Here.

"TRAILED BY A JINX"

Prisoner Says Penitentiary Stigma Follows Him.

Police Believe He Is Wanted by the Authorities of Pennsylvania. Towns for Various Crimes Committed Since He Was Freed from Jail—'I've Led a Straight Life Since Release,' Says ex-Convict.

In the arrest of Joseph K. Keener, sixty-five years old, who was pardoned after serving nine years of solitary confinement of a twenty-nine-year sentence in a Pittsburgh prison for manslaughter, the police declare they have in custody the man who for more than a year has worried the Eastern section of the country in connection with horse thefts. Keener was arrested by Central Office Detectives Warren and Mullen yesterday afternoon while trying to dispose of a horse which, the police declare, was stolen from Gettysburg, Pa.

"JINX OF THE PEN."

"Merely the jinx of the penitentiary pursuing me," declared the aged prisoner as he told the story of his life to his captors. "I'm not guilty of stealing anything. I've led just as straight a life as any man since I left prison. That was years ago, and I was pardoned by the governor of Pennsylvania."

"I killed a man and seriously wounded three others. I did it in self-defense, and when I heard the door of that prison creak behind me I thought it was forgotten. But it seems as if it will follow me to the grave. Ever since being released I have been the object of the police. I've been arrested numerous times for trivial matters, and always have proven myself innocent of the charges made against me."

Though the aged prisoner says he has done nothing, and denies having been convicted of any crime in recent years, the police say that he has been arrested and convicted recently on a charge of dealing in fake jewelry at Middletown, N. J.

Keener, the police say, formerly worked as a night clerk in a Pennsylvania hotel. He resigned there several years ago, and was not heard of until recently, when he returned to this city. The police declare the man has not worked since leaving the hotel in this city and say they will hold him until the police authorities of York, Gettysburg, and other places in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia send men to look at him.

OTTOMAN CHEERED; ITALIAN CRUISERS SUNK OFF SMYRNA

Wireless Dispatch to Constantinople Tells of Victory of Turkish Naval Forces. Meanwhile Italy Rejoices Over Abruzzi's Success.

TURKS FEAR REVOLT IN SALONICA

Sultan Convenes Chamber and Threatens to Follow Italy's Example-In Disregarding the Conventions of War—Russia, Austria, and Servia Make Ready for Trouble.

London, Oct. 1.—A dispatch received here to-night from Constantinople says two Italian cruisers have been sunk near Smyrna. The news came to Constantinople by wireless from Smyrna, but no details are given.

PRIZES AND PRISONERS.

Taranto, Oct. 1.—A Turkish transport and yacht, captured by the Italian fleet that shelled Preveza, arrived at this port under escort to-day. Ten Turkish officers and 180 soldiers aboard the transport have been disarmed and are being held prisoners.

The Turkish vessels were without coal when the Italian squadron steamed into the harbor of Preveza, and they were pounced upon and seized.

Constantinople, Oct. 1.—The transport Sabh, with men and arms, has been captured by the Italians off San Giovanni de Mueda.

Conflicting News at London.

London, Oct. 1.—News reaching London to-day from the seat of war bring a conflicting and confusing mass of statements.

It has been rumored that the Italian squadron sunk the entire Turkish fleet. This Turkey denies, but admits the loss of one boat.

The port of Preveza was bombarded and the inhabitants frightened to such a degree that they fled inland in the direction of Janina.

Both countries are maintaining secrecy as to their intentions and the rigidity of the censorship has not been relaxed. Several Turkish destroyers are steaming along the Montenegrin coast threatening Italian commerce.

The Sultan of Turkey, in receiving a delegation from the Chamber of Deputies, said: "For some time past I have been desirous of convening the chamber, but the opposition of Hakkı Pasha prevented me from doing so. I now order you to inform your colleagues that we decree the immediate convocation of Parliament. I am a great reader of history, but never have I encountered a more flagrant violation of rights than that committed by Italy."

Russia and Austria Active.

Constantinople, Oct. 1.—That Russia is mobilizing troops on the border of Turkey and that Austrian troops are concentrating on the frontier of Novipazar is the information received here to-day.

From Belgrade comes the news that King Peter has called a special meeting of the cabinet to discuss the war.

Dispatches from Athens deny that Greek troops are mobilizing, but unofficial messages insist that an army is being assembled.

A report received here from Janina, Albania, says that on Saturday two Italian war ships bombarded the port of Rethelie and the torpedo boats lying in that harbor, one of which was damaged and landed its crew.

The Italian ships entered the port and shelled the harbor, but were driven back. After taking soundings of the harbor, the war ships left, and later entered Port Musto, taking the captain of the port and three boatmen prisoners.

Turks at Bolina Pitch.

London, Oct. 1.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Constantinople states that an official telegram has been received that the Turkish squadron had reached the Dardanelles in safety. The Turkish authorities contradict the reports of naval reverses and claim substantial victories at sea. The fighting spirit of the country is at a boiling pitch. An excited crowd at Stamboul to-day attacked the Italian post-office and wrecked it.

An Italian steamer, according to reports here, has been captured near the entrance to the Bosphorus. It is said to be conveying a valuable cargo. The Constantinople newspapers have been forbidden to print anything concerning the progress of the war. Turkish volunteers are enrolling themselves in great numbers.

Lack of Ready Money.

The lack of ready money in Turkey has become acute with the government. There is a small sum only in the treasury. The Ottoman public debt institution has been asked to provide \$50,000, but it has informed the government that there is no more money available. The nation is going to war with about \$5,000,000 in its treasury.

The Italian mail steamer *Penicula* is bottled up at Corfu, because Turkish torpedo boats are cruising in the vicinity and refuse to permit her to leave the harbor.

Ottoman Strive for Peace.

Constantinople, Oct. 1.—The Turkish cabinet to-night formulated a new note which was telegraphed as a circular to all the Ottoman embassies.

"We answered the Italian ultimatum in

a conciliatory tone," says the circular. "Imposing a peaceful solution. You know under what conditions Italy declared war and how war began, contrary to the rules of international law. By this fact, we are at liberty to take all liberties necessitated by a state of war, quite apart from military operations."

But while reserving for herself this right, Turkey holds to the conviction that a state of war can be avoided. Thus, she addressed herself to the power and postponed recourse to arms. Ottoman government is going contrary to the sentiments of the Turkish people, and hopes that the powers will give a favorable answer to her request.

Hears of Bombardment.

Rome, Oct. 1. (Delayed.)—A report to the government to-night states that the Italian fleet off Tripoli bombarded that city and that the forts were demolished.

The Turkish forces are reported to have withdrawn into the interior.

Paris, Oct. 1.—Advices from Constantinople, received late to-day, state that the Italian squadron has sunk the Turkish torpedo destroyer *Hamid Abad*, and damaged the torpedo boat *Alpeghet*, and damaged the battleship *Hamidieh*, the best ship of the Turkish navy.

The engagement occurred off Preveza last Saturday afternoon. Only one big Turkish ship is believed to have escaped from the Duke of the Abruzzi's squadron. This is believed to be the modern protected cruiser *Medlieh*, which is capable of a speed of twenty-two knots.

A dispatch from Tripoli states that during the bombardment of the forts yesterday, under which the Italians began their landing, two landing barges from the Italian transports were sunk. The loss of life is not known.

Other dispatches confirm the reports that Greece and Bulgaria are mobilizing their armies. This indicates that the pending conflict will spread to the Balkans.

Constantinople, Oct. 1.—The Turkish government to-night denied the report from Rome that a Turkish fleet had been destroyed, but admitted the loss of one cruiser.

Rejoicing in Italy.

Rome, Oct. 1.—The ministry of marine has received a report that an Italian fleet under command of the Duke of the Abruzzi encountered a Turkish squadron of three battle ships and several torpedo destroyers near the mouth of the Dardanelles. In the engagement which ensued the Turkish battle ships were sunk and the torpedo boats damaged.

The report gives no details of the battle.

The principal streets of Naples, Taranto and Brindisi were thronged by army corps embarked for Tripoli, are filled with maddly cheering crowds. Women are garlanding soldiers with flowers, throwing kisses, and giving other evidences of delirious joy over the reported successes of the Italian arms on land and sea.

Awful News from Tripoli.
The ministry of marine building was surrounded all day by anxious crowds awaiting the latest intelligence from Tripoli. The report has spread throughout the city that the Italian fleet was annihilated yesterday, but this is thought by some to be an exaggeration of the destruction of the Turkish destroyers and a torpedo boat by the squadron commanded by the Duke of the Abruzzi.

It was announced that the Italians occupy only the ports of Tripoli and Preveza, and have garrisoned them as evidence of occupation. It is understood that there will be no movement to the interior at present.

A military rebellion has broken out at Preveza, the Turkish forces there have been repulsed.

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EXODUS TO ITALY

Boston, Oct. 1.—When the White Star steamer *Campanile* left Boston yesterday, she had on board 1,209 Italians, all going back to their native land, many of them to join the army.

It was to avoid army service that many of them came to this country, not caring to serve while there was no war.

\$1.50 to Harpers Ferry and Martinsburg.
\$1.35 to Berkeley Springs; \$2.00 to Cumberland and Return.

Special train leaves Union Station 8:15 a. m.